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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 5890

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, OREP (DIGGS,CHARLES)

SUBJ: CODEL DIGGS WELL RECEIVED IN KINSHASA,
MAY RETURN NEXT WEEK

1. CODEL DIGGS ARRIVED AT NOON JUNE 29 FOR WHAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN SIMPLE STOPOVER EN ROUTE TO NDJAMENA. AT LAST MINUTE DEPTFONAFF SWUNG INTO ACTION. COUNSELOR BULAMBO APPEARED ON SCENE WITH PERSONAL GREETINGS FROM FONMIN BULA, INTERVIEW BY AZAP REPORTER TOOK PLACE IN VIP LOUNGE, AND PROTOCOL OFFICERS OBTAINED THREE ROOMS AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL FOR PARTY (SOMETHING EMBASSY WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY DOING).

2. BULA MET WITH CODEL AT DEPTFONAFF THAT EVENING, INSISTING THAT CHARGE NOT ACCOMPANY. DIGGS GAVE ANOTHER PRESS INTERVIEW AFTER MEETING WITH BULA. AT SUBSEQUENT DINNER AT RESIDENCE DIGGS SAID HE DISCUSSED WITH BULA QUALITIES REQUIRED OF A SUCCESSFUL AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA.

3. AT AIRPORT ON JUNE 30, PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR NDJAMENA, OFFICER FROM DEPTFONAFF PROTOCOL REMINDED DIGGS THAT BULA IS VERY ANXIOUS TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU IF CODEL CAN ARRANGE TO RETURN HERE. CODEL WILL BE CHECKING INTO POSSIBILITY
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OF ALTERING ITS PRESENT ITINERARY SO AS TO LEAVE

BAMAKO JULY 9 AND COME TO KINSHASA FOR ONE NIGHT,
THEN PROCEED TO LIBREVILLE ON JULY 10 ON SCHEDULE.
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